

Things Fall Apart Chapters 3-6

1. Describe the Oracle of the Hills and the Caves, the physical features and the probable reasons behind this setting.
2. What did Unoka find out from the Oracle? What did that show about him as a person?
3. What did the villagers take as final proof that Unoka's *chi* was bad?
4. What two advantages did the first wife have?
5. Why was Okonkwo grateful to Nwakibie? What happened to the first crop?
6. How did Okonkwo feel that he had proved that when a man says "yes," his *chi* says yes also? How did his treatment of Ikemefuna show that he maintained his position?
7. How did Okonkwo break the peace during the Week of Peace? What was the penalty? Why was he lucky that he had not broken the peace at an earlier time?
8. What is the significance of yams? How did the women tend the field?
9. What was the purpose of the Feast of the New Yam? What ceremony opened it? What extra activities marked its observance?
10. Why did Okonkwo beat Ekwefi? What was humorous about the whole incident?
11. How did Ekwefi become Okonkwo's wife?
12. Why did a person answer "Is it me?" when someone called him or her?
13. What was the real story behind Obiageli's breaking of the pot? Who protected her so that she did not get pushed? What does that tell you about African children that shows they are like young people everywhere?
14. What three rules of etiquette do you find in the incident in which Ezinma and Obiageli bring food to their father?
15. What was the importance of the silk-cotton tree to certain young women?
16. Describe the wrestling matches. Who participated in the preliminary matches? How were the featured matches handled?
17. Who participated in the final match? How was the winner feted by his fellow villagers?
18. Write a paragraph that summarizes the basic components of village life. What rules do villagers have? What recreation do they enjoy? What is the relationship between men and women, father and children? How do these people show that they are not savages in loincloths?